

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Wally Herger today urged the majority party to bring the final version of the fiscal year 2008 veterans appropriation measure to a vote this week. The measure provides for a significant funding increase for veterans health care. In June, the House passed its version of this bill and the Senate followed suit in September. However, the conference report on the measure has still not been sent to the President, who has signaled he would sign it into law. Instead, House Democratic leadership attached the funding to an unrelated bill, the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill. This move violated Senate rules and was consequently defeated in the Senate. Herger made the following statement regarding this issue. [Click here for radio actuality](#) .

"It is time to put a stop to the political games and pass this funding for our veterans," Herger said. "This bill has so much support that we could have it at the President's desk before the day is out. Yet the majority party has insisted on holding veterans funding back in the hope of winning support for unrelated, pork-laden spending bills. This is wrong. I call on the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate to end this charade and send the President a clean veterans funding bill by this Veterans Day."

On November 7, 2007, Congressman Herger joined Congressman Roger Wicker, the lead Republican on the Military Construction-Veterans Administration Appropriations Subcommittee, and 28 other Republicans in introducing the House-Senate agreement on veterans funding as a stand-alone bill ([H.R. 4104](#)).